



USDA, AMS, Poultry Market News

Weekly Egg Products Report

February 6, 2004

The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

COMBINED REGIONAL REPORT - Combined regional for week ending 06-Feb-04 average prices on Sales to volume buyers, Grade A large, white eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

	Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Combined Regional
This week	118.00	119.50	115.50	120.50	118.47
Last week	118.00	119.50	117.50	120.50	118.96

SELECTED CITIES DELIVERED STORE DOOR LARGE - 06-Feb-04:

New York 106-110	Chicago & Midwest 117-126	California 154
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WEEKLY SHELL EGG AND BREAKING STOCK INVENTORY - 02-Feb-04 - (30 DOZEN CASES - IN THOUSANDS)

	Northeast	North Central	South Central	South Atlantic	Pacific	5-Area	Breaking Stock	Total
Current week	103.6	269.2	117.4	224.5	267.4	982.1	212.4	1194.5
% change PW	-3	5	0	13	46	14	-4	10

Breaking Stock 06-Feb-04 - prices paid cents/dozen, material exchanged, 30-dozen case equivalent, 48 lb minimum, delivered to breakers.

	Central States		Eastern Region	
Nest Run	77-80	M 80	75-81	M 77-80
Checks & Undergrades	66-72	M 66-68	62-71	M 65-69

Eggs Processed under federal inspection week ending 31-Jan-04.

Pounds in Thousands (excludes ingredients)

	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CURRENT WEEK	1,118,124	25,723	11,045	6,112	2,584	3,906
PREVIOUS WEEK	1,127,852	26,152	11,283	6,152	2,724	4,160
LAST YEAR	1,131,969	25,475	11,463	6,385	2,588	4,286
% CHANGE PW	-1	-2	-2	-1	-5	-6
% CHANGE LY	-1	1	-4	-4	0	-9
TO-DATE 2004	4,533,778	106,452	44,021	24,383	10,753	16,378
TO-DATE 2003	4,559,686	106,227	43,361	24,199	11,332	16,991
% CHANGE YTD	-1	0	2	1	-5	-4

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)

Current Week: 41.84	Previous Week: 42.33	Last Year: 42.06
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AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)

Current Week: 38.35	Previous Week: 38.65	Last Year: 38.27
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National Liquid Eggs - 06-Feb-04 - prices paid cents/lb, f.o.b. plant, non-pasteurized trucklots, for delivery within 14 days.

Class	Loads	Range	Wtd. Avg.	Change From Last Week
WHOLE	14	64.75-66.25	65.59	-.19
WHITES	15	69-70	69.23	-.84
YOLKS	5	58	58.00	-.63

Pasteurized whites and salt yolk were too few to report.

Frozen Egg Prices - 06-Feb-04 wholesale selling price cents/lb, 30-lb containers.

Class	Trucklot				Less-than-Trucklot (min 25 cont.)			
	Eastern		Central		Eastern		South California ²	
Whole	71-80	M	75-77	76-78 M 76	83-89		82-85	
Blends ³	TOO FEW TO REPORT				84-105		-	
Whites	81-84	M	82-83	81-85 M 81-83	86-91		86-89	
Yolks ⁴								
Sugared	74-78	M	75-77	75-77	81-92		81-84	
Salted	65-75	M	71-74	72-74	77-87		78-81	

² f.o.b. shipping point

³ whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 28-32% egg solids

⁴ minimum 43% solids

National Dried Egg Prices - 06-Feb-04 - wholesale selling prices \$/lb, in containers, trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

Class	Range	Mostly
WHOLE	2.93-3.45	3.00-3.15
YOLKS	1.66-2.10	1.70-1.75
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	5.95-6.60	6.00-6.25
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.98-2.30	2.00-2.05

Number of Light Hens Sltrd. in Federally Inspected Plants (Thousands) Weekending 31-Jan-2004

Fowl Slaughtered in U.S.		U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada		Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered	
This week	1,274	This week	221	This week	1,495
Last week	1,429	Last week	309	Last week	1,738
Last year	1,579	Last year	337	Last year	1,916
To Date 2004	5,487	To Date 2004	1,219	To Date 2004	6,706
To Date 2003	6,902	To Date 2003	1,528	To Date 2003	8,430

Inspected Egg Products

U.S. Exports To Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 24-Jan-04

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	293	0	9	302
Last year /1	268	0	0	268
To date 2004	392	0	9	401
To date 2003	1,047	0	44	1,091

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 24-Jan-04

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	225	0	195	420
Last year /1	182	43	0	225
To date 2004	344	3	195	542
To date 2003	403	132	40	575

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S. Exports To Canada, in 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary) week ending - 24-Jan-04

	Jumbo	EX-Lg	Large	Medium	Ungraded	Misc	Total
Current week	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Last year /1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
To date 2004	50	0	2,093	30	0	0	2,173
To date 2003	0	0	905	20	1,470	0	2,395

/1 Comparable week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) - Chickens and Eggs Narrative - 30-Jan-04

Total All Layers on 01-Jan-04 totaled 337 million, down 1% from a year ago.

Rate of lay per day for all layers on 01-Jan-04 averaged 71.0 eggs per 100 layers, up 2% from a year ago.

Table/Commercial Egg Producing Layers on 01-Jan-04 = 279.5 million, down 1% from a year ago.

Rate of lay per day for table egg type on 01-Jan-04 averaged 73.5 eggs per 100 layers, up 2% from 01-Jan-03.

30 Major Egg Production States produced 7.02 billion eggs during Dec-03, up 1% from Dec-02.

Egg Type Chicks Hatched during Dec-03 totaled 33.9 million, up 6% from Dec-02.

Eggs in Incubators totaled 31.7 million on 01-Jan-04, up 5% from a year ago.

Domestic Placement of Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Future Hatchery Supply Flocks = 242,000 during Dec-03, up 29% from Dec-02.

30 SELECTED STATES

Table Egg Type layers on 01-Jan-04 = 261.4 million, down 1% from 01-Jan-03.

Eggs per 100 Table Egg Layers on 01-Jan-04 = 73.3, up 2% from 01-Jan-03.

Layers in forced molt on 01-Jan-04 were 4.0, down 7% from those in molt on 01-Jan-03.

Layers with molt completed on 01-Jan-04 were 22.0, down 7% from 01-Jan-03.

Layers sold during Dec-03 totaled 14.6 million, up 6% from Dec-02.

Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during Dec-03 were 5.5 million, down 16% from Dec-02.

Pullets less than 20 weeks of age on 01-Jan-04 = 93.1 million, up 6% from 01-Jan-03.

Pullets added during Dec-03 = 22.2 million, up 2% from Dec-02.

For information on "Chickens and Eggs" call Tom Kruchten at (202)690-4870, office hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET.

USDA ALL PURPOSE EGG MIX PURCHASE PROGRAM RE-OPENED:

DATE: Feb. 2, 2004

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) today announced that the purchase program under PY-277 for all purpose egg mix for school lunch and other domestic food nutrition assistance programs has re-opened.

Offers will be invited from for all purpose egg mix packaged in plastic laminated foil pouches, 6 ounces (170 g) to each pouch and 18 pounds (8.16 kg) net in each fiberboard shipping container. A purchase unit will consist of 2,000 shipping containers (forty-eight 6-ounce (170-g) pouches each) totaling 36,000 pounds (16,329 kg) net weight.

Invitation No. 7, inviting offers due by 12 noon, Central Time, Tuesday, Feb. 17 (due to the holiday on Monday for Federal employees), is being issued this week. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, Friday, Feb. 20, for product to be delivered from April 16 to June 30.

All offers must be submitted electronically through the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) website at <https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?>. Offers submitted by any means other than DEBES will be considered nonresponsive.

Offerors are urged to carefully read all applicable terms and conditions of USDA-1, as amended, Announcement PY-277, Appendix-1, and the Commodity Specification for All Purpose Egg Mix dated July 2003.

Inquiries may be made by telephoning (202) 720-7693 or addressing the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Poultry Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0260, Washington, DC 20250. An electronic version of this Food Purchase Report can be obtained through the world wide web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.